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## THE KORESHAN UNIVERSOLOGY.

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**Theology.**—God is personal and biune, with a triunity of specific attributes. God

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**Psychology.**—Koreshanity points to the basis of all psychic phenomena—the hu-

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man brain. It explains the phenomenon of spiritism, mental healing, etc., and teaches the science of the relation of mind and matter.

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# The Flaming Sword

*"And He placed at the East of the garden of Eden cherubim and a Flaming Sword, which turned every way to keep the Way of the Tree of Life."*

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## The Identification of the Two Witnesses.

Problems for Professor Totten's Solution; the Two Witnesses not the Bible; the Word Manifest in Flesh; the Mysterious Disappearance of Jesus.

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IN THE PARAGRAPH which we quote below from *The Our Race News-Leaflet*, Professor Totten refers to the "two Witnesses" as the two Testaments. Accepting this statement as a fact, we certainly must conclude that these being the "two Witnesses," they are the two, necessarily, which lay dead in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt. "After the three days and a half even Sodom awoke to the necessity of some sort of religion, so the breath of God returned into the two witnesses, and again stronger than ever the Bible stood upon its two Testaments, to the complete confusion of all concerned with its suppression. And a great voice from heaven, the Apocalyptic region of religious sentiments and authority, called them up thither. So the Bible was more firmly installed in its proper place than ever before: in fact, it went up in a perfect cloud of witnesses and its enemies beheld it." Then, of course, our Lord was not crucified as it is declared, but it was the Bible that was crucified and lay dead three and a half days, for Prof. Totten says so. Now, let us have the contrast, and see how these statements compare with the truth. "I am one that bear witness of myself, and \* \* the Father that dwelleth in me \* \* beareth witness of me." These "two Witnesses" of the Koreshan Universology and also of the Bible do not constitute the Bible, but the Word which was in the beginning with God, and which was God. The Lord Jesus, the Lord Christ, constitutes the "two Witnesses." If we can follow this Word through the transformations which are to bring forth the Sons of God at the termination of the dispensation,

we may be able to predict the character of the events that will end the old and usher in the new dispensation.

We will not take the Bible as the premise upon which to predicate our arguments, but will take the Word himself who, according to his own declaration, was the unity of the "two Witnesses." We will first observe that the "two Witnesses" are the Word. We deny that these are the Bible. We deny it on the testimony of the Bible itself, and we will ask Prof. Totten to meet the argument, if he has the disposition. We will quote again. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God." Is this the Bible? If so, then we have God with us in the Bible, to answer all of our prayers and to sympathize with us in all our troubles. "All things were made by him [the Bible?]; and without him [the Bible?] was not anything made that was made. In him [the Bible?] was life; and the life was the light of men." "He was in the world, AND THE WORLD WAS MADE BY HIM, [does this mean the Bible?] and the world knew him not." Does Professor Totten know him? Not if he imagines that the Bible constitutes the "two Witnesses."

What became of these "two Witnesses? Let the Word, the Lord, answer: "I am the living bread which came down from heaven; if any man eat of this bread, he shall live forever." Notice, first, that the Word was the living bread which came down from heaven. There are two points here, which are worthy of the profoundest attention; namely, the bread to be eaten, and the fact that it came down from heaven. The personal



Christ was not merely the bread, but the bread that was to be eaten. Now, what we want is the science of the process by which the Lord could be absorbed by his church, and therefore produce in the church the same conditions which existed in his own immortal life. This life was to be attained by as many as received him; for it is declared that to as many as received him, gave he power to become the Sons of God. The important factor in this argument is the Lord's own declaration that he came to be eaten. Professor Totten must either accept or deny this statement. We suppose that he will, like all other rank materialistic Adventists, prefer to deny the fact of the Lord's own enunciation.

The doctrine of absorption as taught by the Lord is one of the most essential and the most rational of the doctrines of the Bible. "My flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed," not in figure. "Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day." The resurrection of the Sons of God at the end of the Christian dispensation, depends upon the appropriation of the flesh and the blood of the Christ of God. This is the fundamental prerequisite. "It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you." What was the Comforter? It was the Holy Spirit, the product of the dissolution of the Lord's body by that electro-magnetic fire which he said he came to send, "and what will I," said he, "if it be already kindled?" We state the fact by the authority which we have derived from the throne of the Almighty, that the personality of the Son of God, in whom was the Father, was dematerialized after his resurrection, and became the Holy Spirit.

#### *The Problem of The Lord's Disappearance.*

It was the Word (that is, God) who went away; and this was the Lord God, whose flesh and blood were to be partaken of for the life of the world. The Christ was born in Bethlehem of Judea, because Bethlehem is the Hebrew word for the House of Bread. The Lord was in the House of Bread when he made for himself the little church into which he was to be absorbed. The difference between the doctrine of modern Theosophy and the doctrine of the Christ regarding absorption into Nirvana, is that the fact of absorption was not only understood, but the science of that principle was so well comprehended by the Lord that he accomplished the process, and therefore became the legitimate Teacher of that gospel. I shall be eaten, said the Lord. I will come into you, and will be in you and you in me, even as I am in the Father and the Father in me. Let me here urge the study of this wonderful fact in the doctrine of immortality.

After the resurrection of the Lord he appeared to his Disciples. What became of him after that appearance? It was his own material form that appeared to

them. "A spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see I have." According to His own words, it was his material self, his own personality. Where unto did he take his departure, when he went away? He went into heaven from whence he descended, for, said he, I came down from heaven." Now any man not a fool would know that the Lord did not come down from the physical heavens. He came out or down from the spiritual heaven, which is in the interior of the human body which constitutes the temple of God. "Ye are the temple of God," was said of the Disciples and Apostles of the Lord. God is in his holy temple, which is the humanity in whom the Lord takes up his abode.

The substance of the human mentality, that is, wisdom and love, or, what is the same thing, the affection and the intellection of the mind, is real substance. This can be directed through polarization so as to be concentrated into one personality. Polarity is one of the great laws of the activities of all things in the universe, and is the law and principle of power. The Mosaic law is the law of polarity. The Christ was the pole or head of the human race. Into this pole or head the forces of the mentality of the race were to flow. Christ knew this, hence his importunate demand that to love him was the greatest function of the mind in that day. The love of his Disciples was the imperative command of all his teachings. It was for this reason that it required the influx of the love of his people to determine toward and into his personality. The hatred of those who hated him was as essential as the love of his people, for it required the union of these two spiritual essences (the love and the hate) to accomplish that upon which the world depended for its redemption from mortality. The Lord was dematerialized by the operation of love and hate; his personality was consumed by that electro-magnetic fire which burned his body and made of it the Holy Spirit, which was the substance that the church appropriated. This is the science of the eating of the flesh and blood of the Christ, by which the atonement (at-one-ment) was effected.

We have recently had brought to our notice a book written by a Mr. Reed, the title of which is the "Phantom of the Poles." It consists of a lot of speculation predicated upon the basis of a false premise. The world at large has come to the point of a belief in the "phantom of the poles," so far as the redemption of the race is concerned; and therefore the head or pole of the universal body is a myth. This is a practical denial of the Christ.

#### *How the Lord Was Made to be Sin.*

We have shown that the "two Witnesses" were eaten by the church, and that they descended into the church to bear its vicissitudes during its passage through the dispensation. We have shown that the Bible but the "two Witnesses," namely, the



God, who was the person of the Son of God, was eaten by the church, and that, consequently, whatsoever became of the church would be the destiny of that which the church had eaten. If the church was to fall, then the appropriation would fall with it. This testimony is corroborated in the declarations: "He took upon himself the sins of the world." "He was made to be sin, who [at that time] knew no sin." The Lord took upon himself the sins of the world by entering into the hells of the human sensualities, and from these hells he will arise in the manifestation and perfection of the Sons of God in whom he will be resurrected. This manifestation will be after the polarization which brings into the world the Messianic character of the present age. This Messianic character will be the Elijah, who is promised before that great and dreadful day of the Lord. Elijah is the contracted form of Eloah and Jehovah. Elijah means, literally, God the Lord. God the Lord comes at the end of the dispensation, born in sin and shapen in iniquity, because the Lord descended into the race by the absorption of his body through its dematerialization. The Lord was eaten, therefore he will come up from among men, and thence will fulfil the prophetic declaration: Then shall the children of Israel return and seek the Lord their God, and David their King, whom I shall raise up among them.

All through the Christian age there have been events that have kept pace with the various stages of the progress of the Word (the Lord God) through the dispensation. Whensoever there has been a central manifestation, there have accompanied this central event corresponding side-shows, which also contribute to the markings of time. The true Prophet sees the central event and the central figure in that chronological denouement, while the various prophets may not see the central event, but are carried away with what seem to be the greater, but which are really the lesser, occurrences in the progress of time. Let us cite an instance in chronology. The time came for the manifestation of the Lord according to prediction. The Lord came, but he was only a single personality, a mere ripple upon the great ocean of human activity, and not worthy of any special notice from those who were looking for a Messiah who would restore the material supremacy of the Jewish race. At another period in the chronological reckoning, there occurred the destruction of Jerusalem and the scattering of the Jews. This was an important event for the historical chronologists to consider, but the coming of the Christ to be crucified as a malefactor was scarcely worthy of an historical record.

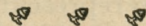
## *Events Overlooked by Various Modern Prophets.*

No greater man than Swedenborg has lived during the Christian dispensation, since the time of the Disciples of the Lord up to his (Swedenborg's) day; yet the birth and function of Swedenborg are scarcely noticed

by the modern church and such as pretend to be waiting for the manifestation of Christ, at what they denominate his "second coming." Important events occurred in the history of the world at that time, but the central event was the manifestation of Emanuel (Swedenborg), for his advent was at the time of that great change in the church which brought the doctrine of "free moral agency," which has had more to do with the modification of church doctrine than almost any other impulse to the church in modern times. Other notable events occurred at that time, but the central event was the manifestation of a man who could be intromitted into the world of spiritual existence, and whose experiences in the heavens and the hells of spiritual existence were greater than all of the spiritualistic phenomena that have occurred since his day, except with the central figure of this period, since the year 1839.

In 1870 there occurred some of the greatest events of modern times. The Papacy came to the end of its secular authority; Italy became united; Rome became subject to the authority of the Italian monarchy, and the Pope became a self-constituted prisoner at the Vatican. The independent German kingdoms were made the great unified Empire, which is one of the great factors in determining the commercial character of the world. France, the empire, became a republic and a notable factor in the historical and chronological tabulation of the recorded events of the world's progress. Has the central event of this time been recorded or regarded worthy of record by the historians of the times? By no means. And why? Because this was left for the true Prophet to determine and define.

So far as prophetic power is concerned, Totten is a failure. He admits that the prophet whose predictions are not to be relied upon is a false prophet. He assured the world that the Turks would be driven out of Palestine in the year 1898 or '99, in the spring of that year, because the time had come for the dethronement of the false prophet and the restoration of the holy city. His chronology was right, but its application to the events prophesied by the ancient prophets was wrong. We never have seen any explanation of the mistake. We can inform the chronological gentleman where he is making his mistakes—and they are numerous.



The resurrection of the dead is the coming of the fruit of regeneration, the fruit being the Sons of God, reproduced from the Son of God, who was planted in the church for the purpose of multiplying the Sons of God. The seed was planted in the beginning of the age, and the fruit will come at the end of the age. The fruit when fully matured will constitute the divine government, but the ripening of the fruit will depend upon another baptism, which will be effected through the theocrasis of the Messenger of the Covenant.



## THE SCIENCE OF THE ATONEMENT.

The Law of Conjunctive Unity of God and Man as Typified in the Rites of the Hebrews.

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WE HAVE MADE REFERENCE to the bullock in this connection in order to present, comparatively, the law of sacrifice as pertaining to both the bullock and the goat. The goat pertains specifically to distribution, as differentiated from acquisition. The kid of the goat, which here relates to the kid at the age of coupling, and as pertaining to the state of the mind before its declension, signifies the condition of natural innocence, or the beginning of wisdom in the outward or scientific degree of the mind. The zone of innocence is the one which conjoins. The ram implies the desire to beget, but the goat is the zone of the begotten. The goat *killed*, implies the declension from such a state to that of its perversion, which, in the realm or domain of mentality, is the delight of imparting fallacies which are held to be truths.

Swedenborg says that the he-goat of the she-goats in a genuine "sense" signifies divine truths of the external man, such as are drawn from the literal sense of the Word, in which the doctrines of a genuine church are grounded, and also the consequent delight of those truths. The real delight of a truth is in its communication for a given end, that end being the life of that truth to others. It is therefore the forward bent—the communicative or distributive force; and the word goat should imply outflowing extremities, or outmost scientifics, which are the scientifics of life communicated. We therefore find that the word *seir*, in Hebrew, the word which in this case is used for goat, means to shake, to shiver, to tremble, to be agitated, to greatly fear; and according to Gesenius, to feel a sacred awe before a divinity. Spoken of the hair, it means to stand on end, to bristle. If in symbolic language the hair signifies the ultimates, that is, the limitations or outmost reach of life, and to stand implies life, then for the hair to bristle or stand on end would signify the coming into the life of the outermost, which in the divine degree would be the life of the science of externals.

The word *sear*, from the root *saar*, means hair; and the word *seir*, goat, is derived from this root. The Hebrew word in itself confirms the logical conclusion reached through the science of analogy. The zone above mentioned is also represented in the knee; hence, the knee should indicate the feeling of emotion, fear or awe, as pertaining to a sacred presence. It does this by the person's falling upon the knee or bowing the knee in the act of worship. The fear of God or any divinity is manifest by the bending of the knee. Every person in the presence of an enemy, where flight is cut off and great fear prevails, involuntarily prostrates himself upon his knees in the act of imploration. The knee is represented in so called mythology as Capricornus the Goat.

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## New Century Studies and Reviews

Lucie Page Borden

## THE LADY OF SHALOTT.

IN THIS BEAUTIFUL poem Tennyson has expressed world-truths. He has taken a specific thought of mystery, and has put it into lovely words, which are the vehicle of thought. The lady of Shalott lives in an island midway of the stream. It is embowered in beauty, and lilies feed the sight. Here she stands in the casement and weaves by night and day. She has heard that a curse is on her if she stay to look down at Camelot, whither tend the barges in the river. The poem astonishes the reader not only by the beauty of the imagery presented, but by its deep significance.

Here is the mystery of the lady of the island. She is in the midst of the stream—the great stream of mortal life, but the tenderness of the gods has given her home removed from its debasing tendencies. She weaves and weaves and weaves, but she cannot go down to the ways of men from whom she is insulated. In her hand is her mark, and in that mark is seen her true man. She can see the passers in a mirror, but they only flit by as in a dream, because she is not in the stream herself.

By and by in the glass she sees the vision which takes her back to mortal life, takes her back to Camelot. She lifts the veil of her temple and escapes. This is a mystery that came into the poet's mind, to show that some truth hidden before the world was had come into a mind in the world. The mirror broke, and the sight of Lancelot, the lady left her web and left her loom. She saw the water lilies bloom, she floated down to Camelot—many-towered Camelot.

The lady of Shalott is the lady of the shawl, and the shawl means the fringe or the phylacteries on the garments of the high priest. It also refers to the fringe of the fornix in the brain. The shawl is the interior covering of the camel; and when the lady of the temple in the island went down from her enthronement in the towers, then to the camel she went, down to the water-carrier of the desert; she went into the lines of sensuality in the race to find her Beloved, and she thought of nothing but himself. She had the vision of the temple sent—sent to deliver the people of the desert, where the thirsty earth. The womanhood of Deity, the Jerusalem, comes into the Water-carrier, Aquarius, in order that she may complement him in the future and help him to give of the water of life.

"God in his mercy lend her grace, the lady of Shalott." When she has passed out on the other side of the cycle, the continent restored to its owner by herself, will be restored to its owners of the past. The curse upon her if she left her web or her temple, was that she should fall down in the cycle of generation after she had rendered the continent which drew her to Lancelot.



He is her Savior when another cycle has passed.

The curse for leaving the God kingdom and going down into the river of mortal life, is to see her own face in a glass. The fringe or the loops on the shawl are the tears that are shed in divinest tenderness. The velum in the brain and the fimbria meet, and the flesh is transformed to water—tears.

#### Plot and Counterplot.

WITH A SUDDEN and terrible force the blow has fallen upon Spain. In the midst of her rejoicings just as a new queen had been installed, bearing the auspicious title of Victoria, the fell work of the assassin is seen. By the grace of God the young king and his bride were unhurt, but there were tears at the wedding feast and mourning for those who were destroyed almost at the feet of the sovereign. As the royal carriage with its occupants was leaving the place where the ceremony had been consummated, the explosion which was to have ended the lives of the royal pair took place. Within a few feet of his carriage Alfonso saw his subjects fall and was powerless to aid them. The bomb was thrown in a bouquet, and was hurled with deadly intent, for many were killed.

The report comes from Oregon that a plot has been hatched there to take the life of our beloved President. The exposure of an anarchistic clique at this time is indicative of the real strength of this organization. An abortive attempt to take another president from the chair of office is a severe warning to those who are simmering and brewing an anarchistic portion to stupefy the nations. Those who make plots find that a counterplot has been hatched; and while they are planning to destroy the whole body of organized society by cutting off its head, the new organic form of righteous imperialism has been provided for.

#### Noah and the Church of His Dispensation.

NOAH means the breath of God or the pneuma. He was the head of the new dispensation and the foot of the old. He was drunken with the fruit of the grape or wine of the kingdom, and he lay down in the nudity of his purpose. His two sons, Shem and Japheth, covered him with their own intent to found his church in the future. His skirt showed that the adultery of the old church had been covered with chastity in the institution of a new one. The adultery of the family relation in himself had to be covered with the celibate life in the first place.

#### The Divinity of the Lord.

THE evangelical denominations are those which acknowledge the Divinity of the Lord; at least they are so distinguished from those that deny his services to religion. Now the Divinity of the Lord was in the fact that he enfolded Eve. He was biune or two-in-one.

## Department of Astro-Biology

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#### THE BIRTH OF "THE AMERICAN EAGLE."

What the Planets Portend Concerning the New Political Movement and Publication; the Field of Effort in Review.

WHEN THE FIRST vibration of the Printing House whistle, announcing the birth of *The American Eagle*, saluted the ears of expectant Estero, the sun lacked twenty-five minutes of time to complete his arrival at the noon-day meridional station. During the last week of May and the first three weeks of June, the sun makes his annual transit through the house of the Twins. This division corresponds anatomically to the lungs and the afferent and efferent nervous system, and has therefore been constituted not only the medium whereby the entire organism effects communication with other kindred bodies, but it also comprehends one of the two systems whereby the several organs of the human structure maintain their intercourse. The second of these systems of inter-organic communication is the blood which, bathing the entire physical structure with those constituents necessary for its upbuilding, and deporting the waste products of its energies, maintains that balance of physical income and expenditure essential to prolonged continuity of existence. This latter channel of intercommunication is associated with the opposite sign Sagittarius.

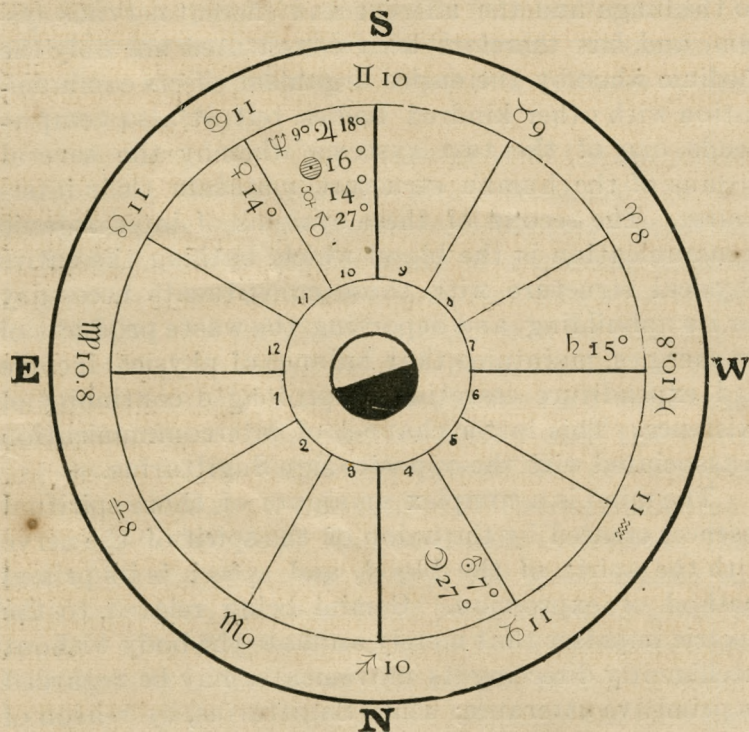
The mind is a complex amalgam of those spiritual essences created by the union of the spirit of the nerve with the spirit of the blood, and speech is its primal method of expression. Gemini being related to the electric impulses that merely animate the body without intelligently directing its movements, may be regarded as primitive utterance; while Sagittarius, by reason of its function of structural formation, imparts to articulation those regulated verbal intonations that constitute the vehicle of matured thought. Gemini and Sagittarius are two coördinated poles that swing on the central solar axis, and their respective planetary lords are Mercury and Jupiter, signifying the desire and science of communication. Gemini is the third partner in the intellectual trinity of signs; Sagittarius, its reproductive counterpart.

The printed journal is the most effective medium of verbal reproduction; it embodies the principle of intelligence, and is the most effective instrument for the rapid and widespread dissemination of news; consequently we may regard these two signs as dominant factors in the commerce of words, and as such are preëminently qualified to house the central significator of universal utterance at the birth or first appearance of a new literary venture, prospects of ultimate failure or success of which must pivot largely on the Zodiacal relationship existing between Sun, Mercury, and Jupiter, as also on their mundane or domiciliary positions.



In the horoscope before us, Gemini and Sagittarius are respectively culminating on the mid-heaven and nadir with Sun, Jupiter, and Mercury in conjunction, and posited in the first named sign. The ascendant and descendant are severally occupied by Virgo and Pisces, the signs antithetical to Gemini and Sagittarius. The former is related anatomically to the bowels, and involves the function of separation, elimination, and appropriation, which, converted to terms of mental activity, express the faculties of discrimination and analysis. The opposite sign Pisces correlatively tends to unite, combine, and tie together, intellectually expressing the idea of continuity, concord, and peace. The respective planetary lords of those two signs are also Mercury and Jupiter, the former of which as lord of the ascendant in the subjoined map, must be held as ruler of the horoscope.

Angular by position, dignified by sign, united with



Horoscope of "The American Eagle."

June 7, 1906. 11:35 a. m., Estero, Fla.

its coördinate planet and the Sun, and occupying the most elevated position in the figure, the leading promittor of *The American Eagle*, like its feathered prototype, soars in sublime altitudes of noontide power, poised on its pinions of love and wisdom. Mercury is the messenger; Jupiter, his message; the Sun, the good tidings that constitute their burden; while the Moon which here occupies the nadir, signifies both the recipients and rejectors of this bounteous offering. The three first mentioned lights are posited in the middle face of Gemini, a Martian decanate; consequently Mars is their prime disponent.

In a previous article, reasons have been furnished for denominating this promittor the planetary eagle. We find Scorpio (the second portal) culminating on the third house or Gemini, and Mars its lord posited in 27° of the sign Gemini in immediate opposition to the moon in Sagittarius. Aries (the first portal) culmi-

nates on the eighth or house of the eagle, significant of life or death; hence the conflicting relation existing between the red planet and the lesser light, an aspect specifically destructive and ruinous, must signify widespread opposition on the part of the adherents antiquated and conventional methods and beliefs, the principles upheld and promulgated by the journal. The aquiline message of life here covers towards the sting of mortality. Death and destruction to forces inimical and reciprocal hostility with all attendant conflicts and collisions, in which thrust and counter-thrust will mark the uncertain tide of well-tested battle, are details denoted by this aspect.

When the lord of the ascendant blends its beam with the lord of the descendant, and the pair is devoid of malefic aspects, desire and fulfilment join hands in marriage whose fruits aptly reflect the united virtues of the joint parentage. The first and seventh houses signify the desire and science of reproduction; the fourth and tenth, which cross these at right angles, embody the maternal and paternal houses, and denote the offspring of marriage. The former signifies the science of domestic polity; and the latter, obedience to the rulings of maternal wisdom, which in its application to the ordering of nations, involves the science of government or the application of political economies on the highest plane and in the ultimate degrees of its power.

Mercury and Jupiter, here established as lords of these four angular houses, are posited in the tenth house, and signify the desire to separate, open up, part asunder political elements prejudicial and obstructive to the attainment of the object held in view, the fulfilment, in the creation of a direct channel of communication whereby two ends may become united in harmony. This latter translated into terms of political import, is the just and equitable intercourse between government and the people governed. It is the desire of the promoters of *The American Eagle* to set forth in its columns the science of true government in order that by schooling the mind of the electorate to analyze the motives and performances of those guiding the course of political currents, it may learn to discriminate between equitable and debased methods of judicial control to the final issue, that a channel of communication may be opened up between the dissimilar spheres of Deific economy and the concrete plane of human political activities, uniting thereby the religious and secular phases of universal commerce.

A close analogy to this work may be discovered in the present operations on the Isthmus of Panama, where strenuous efforts are being put forth to separate the northern and southern continents to the end of opening the waters of two great oceans, by uniting their currents, may afford an open channel of communication for the free commerce of the world. In a previous article we pointed out that the affliction of Jupiter by Saturn in Pisces had severely hampered the progress of this undertaking. In the figure to hand is discovered the ponderous planet posited in the seventh house



in close quadrature to the three united lights in the M. C. Saturn in Pisces when afflicting indicates two radical qualities of evil united in the effort to obstruct good. Mercury is here applying to the square of this planet, implying not only the desire to separate and force open a passageway, but the firm intention of taking the offensive to the furtherance of that end. Saturn, as an opposing force here, embodies itself as accumulated deposit, the precipitate or excretion of active forces operative in the past, which await but the application of pick and shovel to suffer marine submergence. As a reflex to Saturn as a promittor of evil expressed as physical obstruction, his quadrature to Mercury bestows on the latter the mental gifts of grit, staying power, and endurance; his square to Jupiter, while reducing support imparted by material substance, adds enthusiasm and devotion, its still more potential spiritual counterparts.

That the infantile steps of the new venture will encounter the pitfalls that invariably pave the road of reformatory movements, seems evident from the afflicting aspects of the two malefics; yet functional weakness is powerfully offset by organic fortitude. If during the first year of his existence, Mercury should survive his contact with Saturn, and Moon her impact with Mars, allowing a day for a year, his first and second natal anniversaries should herald epochs of continued prosperity. He conjoined Sun on June 8, and on the same day he entered the parallel with Uranus, a powerful aspect and one charged with the qualifications essential to successful political reform. On the succeeding day he completed his union with Jupiter. On June 13 he transited the radical place of Mars, conjoining thereby the theory with unfettered freedom for practical execution. This marks the fifth to sixth day from birth; consequently the year 1911 to 1912 should invest the party, of which *The American Eagle* has been appointed the official organ, with the prize of executive power, for the capture of which it has been called into being.

## General Contributions

### THE PRESSING NEED OF GENUINE REFORM.

What Reformers Should Seek as Elements of Effectiveness; the Scientific Pattern Available; the Social Theocracy.

BERTHA DINE, MATRONA.

THE WORLD is crying for reform—religious, social, secular reform. What shall be the form of the coming Grand Man of the universe? Since the world's one "good Book" says "the earth abideth forever," and is to become the habitation of the righteous, it would be interesting for the technical pattern man to come and make a study of him.

Has the great Architect of his own earthly house, the universe, ever furnished any intelligible working plans for the reformation of his own human society which might be safely adopted by his would-be co-workers, the aggressive social reformers? To unite on a plan issued by the master builder of divine Manhood would be for them a great step in the right direction.

Plan your work and work your plan with zeal according to knowledge, is good counsel. Knowledge is a first-class motor power. The true Christian's pattern man, what was he? Imperialist, socialist, anarchist, democrat, or republican? The Lord Jesus Christ may be scientifically defined the social Theocrat. God's will as indicated by the science of the Decalogue was his will, and he is represented as declaring, "I delight to do thy will, O God!" He located heaven and hell, and himself applied the laws and principles of the heavenly life in such a rational and practical way, that Christendom cannot claim ignorance as an excuse for having universal hell instead of the kingdom of heaven in earth, for which he taught mankind to work and pray.

The Lord struck squarely at the root of all social evil, the love of money. He showed how to destroy the power of that love. He practically established in those to whom he was Master, the principle of common wealth and its equitable distribution. He then planted the seed of its organic power as a kingdom, and left it to die and rise again as a harvest at the end of the age. "One is your Master, even Christ; and all ye are brethren." There you have it, the unity of Theocratic imperialism, and its coördinating socialism. What creates the imperial Theocrat? The applied science of the law, the power of organic unity essential to the creator of a social body of many members having a diversity of gifts. Harken, ye honest socialist, to the man of God who knows the law, and applies the laws and principles of divine social order! Such a man does not inconsistently talk socialism while he lives competitively with his fellow-socialists, as do the many so called social reformers.

The man of God does the business, and rules men by the love of the truth which is demonstrably in him. He comes to the front in response to the world's outcry for reform, with the plumb-line of equity in the hand of a scientist. He does not ask men to reason with him on any basis but that of a scientifically demonstrated premise. He says, "prove all things and hold fast to that which is good." "Shun that which is evil." With the plumb-line he gives the universe a located center and a defined circumference. He outlines the round trip from the center and back through all the gyrations of universal life.

When you have taken the trip with your rational faculties, under his auspices, you actually know a thing or two in Universology, and are prepared to listen to a scientific plan for genuine social reform. You know that you are receiving it from one who knows and knows he knows, which inclines you to work it for all that it is worth at any expense to yourself or humanity. Any notable reformer who wants a practical working plan for a visible city, that the Lord himself would delight to dwell in, can have one for the reverent asking.

"Patch up the old competitive system?" Don't try to do it any longer. It is rotten from head to heels. The patches only serve to help rend it anew. "Why such waste" of energy? Saith the Lord, "Behold, I make all things new!" He would have his people come out of old Babylon, and to touch not the unclean thing. What could be filthier with the love of filthy lucre, than the competitive system of A. D. 1906?

To aid genuine social reform, cause genuine science to go to and fro in the earth. Distribute generously the Koreshan publications. These leaves of healing will acquaint humanity quickly with God's up-to-date plan and planner of true social reform, the holy Seed of which was, and is, and ever shall be the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the alpha and omega of universal life—religious, social, and secular.





## In *The Editorial Perspective.*

THE EDITOR.



THE FUNDAMENTAL FALLACY that at some time in the past the universe did not exist, enters into every modern theory of world-relations. Until one begins to analyze the various conceptions and conclusions of modern teachers, no adequate idea can be entertained as to how thoroughly grounded in such an absurdity are the popular systems or schools of thought. Myths and legends of creation, as well as the various sacred writings of the world, are all falsely interpreted to mean that the function of the Creator was to evolve from nothing or from chaos in space, a world or worlds never having existed before. The theory of direct creation, the production of the cosmos from the hands of the Almighty, has been discredited during the past century, because of evidences which seem to indicate a gradual development, through purely natural processes, of all the forms of the cosmos. Hence the modern theories of spontaneous generation of the universe through so called laws of combination of atoms, the laws of change, the laws of evolution. Darwinism sprang from the conception that the universe has reached its present state of existence through processes of gradual development. Darwin put forth the doctrine of evolution of form, holding that the various species of animals evolved from lower orders of life; and that both man and monkey sprang from some common ancestry. Striking indeed are the points of anatomical similarity existing between the various forms of human and animal life; and from the basis of facts observed, Darwin and other evolutionists concluded that man and some animal species must be closely related. Perhaps, it is thought, the baboon, the gorilla, or the chimpanzee, was the progenitor of the human race. To show that man is akin to these anthropoid apes, more than three hundred structural features in the human anatomy are found in them; and even many diseases of man, not communicable to animals generally, are found to afflict the anthropoid apes. Recently there have been applied the "most subtle and delicate of all tests," showing that the blood of man and that of the anthropoid ape are apparently identical, and that the blood of one may be injected into the other without harmful reaction as in the case of injection of blood of one animal species into another; and it is said that it has been recently discovered that a function thought to be characteristic of the human female exclusively, is also displayed in the anthropoid ape. We maintain that not one of these facts cited in any way indicates or proves that in the order of development, the form of man was ever evolved from the anthropoid ape or any other order of lower animal life. Modern evolution is a perversion of the true science of evolution. In modern evolution the true order of evolution is reversed. The origin of life is in the Most High, not in the amoebic forms of fancied primeval protoplasm. The ladder of evolution from the Most High down to the mineral kingdom, constituting the physical cosmos, is comprised of rungs or steps in regular order, the steps being the hundreds of thousands of species of life. These species are eternal; the ascent and descent of life is through them,

for they constitute the manifold forms of elaboration of substances of the cosmos. Transmission of life from the highest human plane, down to the ultimate form of cosmic expression, necessitates that the planes of life blend at points of similarity, as the colors of the solar spectrum merge the one into the other at their borders. The anthropoid apes stand next to the lowest types of human beings so closely that those types may be crossed with the anthropoid animals. Between distinct types of animal and vegetable life, at the very border or dividing line between the kingdoms, are species that manifest characteristics of both kingdoms. There are forms of life on that border that perplex the modern biologist. He does not know whether some of the species are animals or vegetables; and likewise there are forms of cellular activity that seem to belong both to the mineral and vegetable kingdoms. And when these facts are indisputable, and are clearly true, they are infinitely puzzling to the modern scientists, though surprisingly simple when viewed from the standpoint of Kores Universology, which is the science of evolution and its ordinate involution—which latter is an important fact utterly unrecognized by modern schools of thought.

THE MODERN world is reaping the fruits of competition. Everywhere there are startling disclosures of graft, greed, conspiracy and corruption. There is not an avenue of modern business that does not contain the element of dishonesty. There are tricks in every trade, scheme, cheat and defraud in every sphere of modern activity. Every possible measure is resorted to for the purpose of winning in the competitive strife; and advantage is only taken of competitors in business, but of employees and the people generally who use and consume goods and foods prepared for them. The tricks of the giant concerns involve every plan for increasing prices of articles, reducing the wages of employees, lowering the prices of raw materials, adulterating foods, cheating in manufacturing products, giving short weights, and deceiving the public by palming off poor products for the highest grade. Surprises have been unearthed in political circles; alarm facts discovered in the insurance business; startling disclosures made of wholesale theft by the Standard Oil Company; the veil has been lifted from the drug business; scenes revolting in every detail in the world's great packing-houses have been described. The world will soon forget the stirring literature of exposure persistently published from the pens of Miss Tarbell, Mr. Lawson, John Steffens, Upton Sinclair, and others; nor yet the corroborated reports of a long line of investigations into the business of giant corporations. But this is not all. Honesty, fraud and greed, tyranny and corruption, are confined to the trusts, nor yet to politicians. The labor unions belong to the competitive type and strife, dangerous both to the interests of government and welfare of the public. Labor leaders have the members of the union



der their control. Let the signal for a strike be given, and hundreds of thousands lay down their tools. If property is to be destroyed, there are low-class workingmen who will apply the torch or touch off dynamite. If lives are to be taken, assassins are ready with knife and bomb. But corruption is not confined to employing concerns and labor trusts, not alone with leaders in schemes of graft and greed. Corruption is universal. The masses are involved; the curse is upon all, and they all must feel the effects of the impending third woe. The world is reaping the fruits of competition. We may judge a tree by the fruit it bears. Competition is a corrupt tree, and it is corrupt because its heart is diseased and rotten, and its roots are fed from foul sources. We declare that neither government nor society, nor yet industry nor commerce, will grow better until the principle of competition is eradicated from the heart and the external affairs of the human race.

THE MANY startling and striking evidences of wholesale corruption in great organizations and corporations, certainly constitute a great blow to boasted American ideals. It was the policy of the founders of the American Government to protect infant industries; and the practice has been kept up by means of the high protective tariff wall, until the infant industries have become the giant corporations which have gotten entirely beyond the control of the Government. Whether the Government succeeds in restraining them, remains to be seen. But at present the ludicrous side of the protective tariff policy may be seen in the display of "pure foods" in Congress by Representative Mann. In front of the Speaker's desk Mr. Mann exhibited a great variety of cereals, jellies, canned goods, whiskey and wine, and other edibles and drinkables—every one of which he claimed and proposed to demonstrate, was adulterated and wholly unfit for use. He exhibited honey that never saw a bee-hive; whiskey that never went through a still; wine that never came from grapes; coffee made of sawdust and chickory; pepper made of tapioca and lamp-black; meats and sausages colored with analine and coal tar dyes. The manufacturers of these articles have been protected so much that they have grown bold enough to palm off poisons and fraudulent imitations on the unsuspecting public. Protection has not only assisted the Standard Oil Company to supply oil to every American home needing it, but to destroy the business of nearly every smaller concern which helped to build up the Rockefeller business. Millions of people are of the decided opinion that those "infant industries" need the protection of the Government no longer, but that they need to be punished for wholesale misdeeds and restrained from further perpetration of imposition and fraud upon the people. It is to the great and lasting credit of the Roosevelt Administration, that in the interests of the people, the concerns perpetrating flagrant evils upon the people are attacked by the Federal Government. President Roosevelt will miss a golden opportunity to still further augment his usefulness and popularity, if he refrain from vigorously urging wholesale revision of the present tariff rates and laws. If the republican party should effectively block the way to proper tariff legislation

in the next two years, it may strengthen Bryan's candidacy and cause millions to flock to his standard of radical reform.

GREENWICH Observatory is likely to be removed from the vicinity of London, on account of the smoke and fog. French astronomers ask if the meridian of Greenwich is to be removed also. Strenuous effort has been made in the past to induce astronomers to recognize the meridian of Paris as the world's prime meridian; but some French scientists now recommend the meridian of Bethlehem. Years ago a Catholic priest made the suggestion, but it is somewhat remarkable that scientists of the home of Voltaire should now seek to honor the Christ who was born at Bethlehem. The Son of man was Aries or the Lamb, and he marked the beginning or zero-point of the longitude of the human world, and therefore marked the prime meridian of a new cycle of progress; and as the orb of the day of Christendom, he has marked the noon-time or zenith of the period. It is a fact that the prime meridian two thousand years ago was in Egypt, near Palestine; formerly it was in Babylon, and before that, in the far East. The progress of that meridian has been westward continually, and its movement should continue to accord with the direction of the movement of the Star of Empire. The prime meridian of the approaching new dispensation will be located in America.

THE LOUISVILLE liquor dealers are certainly industrious and ingenious. They want to make money, and catering merely to the wishes of the heads of families is not sufficient. The idea is to get whole families to come to the saloon. The Louisville saloon men are fitting up their saloons attractively, holding that "the saloon and cafe should be so conducted that men would not hesitate to visit them accompanied by their wives and children, and that the atmosphere of such places should be beneficial to both mind and body." They express sympathy with temperance movements in their endeavor to exterminate drunkenness. This question was openly discussed in the annual convention of national liquor dealers. In an address, a prominent dealer closed by saying that "wines and spirits are blessings *per se*, intended by an all-wise Providence to bring health and happiness to mankind," and that the legitimate manufacture and sale of them are honorable trades. There are people who have seen too much of the effects of intoxicants ever to be convinced that the use of them is in any wise beneficial. But the dealers, like the doctors and the druggists, may claim that their poisons work wonders when swallowed by enthusiastic believers!

COLUMBUS was a hero, an adventurer and explorer. He opened up a new hemisphere, a new world. He risked his life in face of possible perils on new lands and seas. Great world issues of the impending crisis demand another hero, adventurer, and discoverer, even a greater one than Columbus. He must face the dangers of a dark age; the perils in his path are greater than stormy seas and hostile savages. His task will be greater than that of any other world-hero of history, and his reward will constitute the entire realm of his discoveries, for he will inherit the universe.



# The Open Court of Inquiry.

THE EDITOR.

## Measuring Celestial Distances.

"I enclose clipping from the Chicago *Daily News*, showing 'how easy it is to reckon celestial distances.' If it is worthy of comment I should like to see it in the Open Court of Inquiry whenever convenient."

The editor of a popular department of the Chicago *Daily News* undertakes to show how astronomers calculate the distance to the so called heavenly bodies. He gives a fair idea of the usual method of computing the distance to the moon, on the basis of the Copernican idea of the world. We have not space to reproduce the article; nor is it necessary to insert it. We will give a little outline of the process, using a diagram prepared for a similar article a few years ago. The lettering of this diagram differs from that of the diagram inserted in the article in the *Daily News*, but that is immaterial.

In the accompanying diagram, C represents the center of the earth. B and H are points on the earth about equidistant from the equator. An observer at each point ascertains the altitude of the moon above his horizon. The zenith points of the observing stations are represented respectively by Z and Z'. The visual lines BM and HM, supposed to extend far into space, will intersect the line CM'M at some point. How far away from the center of the earth that point is, is the subject of computation.

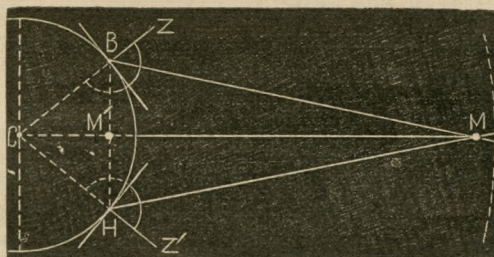
In order to make the calculation, the number of degrees in angles MBZ and MHZ' must be known. If they are known, a diagram may be laid out, containing the quadrilateral BMHC, of which BC and HC are radii of the earth, and the lines BM and HM, the distance of the respective observers from the moon.

On the basis of such a diagram, it would follow that the line BC will bear the same comparison to the line BM, that one of the earth's radii bears to the moon's distance. If the figure were accurate and true to the scale, it would be found that the line BM is about sixty times the length of BC; and HM likewise sixty times longer than HC. In closing the outline of

the process, the writer referred to says:

"Now we know that the earth's diameter is, in round figures, 8,000 miles; its radius, therefore, must be 4,000 miles; and if the moon be distant from the earth sixty times the earth's radius, or sixty times 4,000 miles, its distance must be 240,000 miles. So, you see, reckoning celestial distances is not guesswork, but the application of the exact science of mathematics."

Nevertheless, we say that the result is a guess, because the basis of the calculation is constituted of mere assumptions. There are two primary suppositions involved in the above process of computation: First, that the observers were stationed on the *outside* of the earth and looking outwards into space; second, that rays of light and vision are propagated in straight lines.



Fictitious Triangulation in Modern Astronomy.

Neither of these assumptions has ever been proved to be true; on the contrary, Koreshan Science demonstrates their utter fallacy.

A little study of the diagram will reveal the fact that it makes a great deal of difference in the distance to the so called heavenly bodies, whether the observers are on the outside or inside of the earth. If the former, and the lines of vision were rectilinear, the astronomer's computations might be accepted as approximating the true distance. If the observers are on the *inside*, they would be looking inwards. The zenith of each point of observation, B and H, would point to C, which would be the center of the hollow globe.

On such a basis, the angle CBM', on the inside, would be the same as MBZ on the outside. Instead of the lines of vision extending far out into space, they would meet each other at

M', at a distance of only a few thousand miles from the observers, and, may be readily seen, there are less than a thousand miles between the earth's concave surface and M', the moon's nearest point.

The astronomers employ a different method for computing the distance to the sun. Horizontal parallax is considered so accurate as observation of the transit of Venus. Still another method is used for computing distances to the planets. In the case of the stars, the parallax of less than twenty seconds is measurable; and in computing the distance of a star, it is not only assumed that the earth is convex, but that it rotates on its axis and moves in orbit about the sun. The diameter of the supposed orbit constitutes the base of the great triangle which enters into the problem of computation. Even one of the angles projected outward into space is merely supposititious, having no basis in fact.

It is not only necessary for the modern astronomer to suppose that light is propagated in straight lines, but in some manner the substances of light must be transmitted through the great ocean of ether supposed to fill all space. No one has ever proved the earth to be convex; nor that light radiates in straight lines in celestial space; nor that it would be possible to transmit light through ether alone, without atmospheric media.

Some physicists hold that the atmosphere is essential to the phenomenon of light. If so, the sun, moon, planets and stars would, so far as their visible points are concerned, be located in the upper stratum of our atmosphere. In such case, from the basis of the hollow earth, it would be impossible to determine the distance to the original and real bodies.

In the Koreshan Cosmogony, it is maintained that the so called heavenly bodies are within our atmosphere; that not one of them is more than 6,000 miles from the eye at rising and setting; that being more than 1,000 miles from the concave surface of the earth being



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A number of thoughts are suggested by the above extract from our correspondence. The thoughts press for expression, and we open the way for them. We do not wish any of our readers to think Estero is worse than it is, for fear they will stay away; nor to think Estero is a paradise when it is not, for then every one would be disappointed when he comes to the Koreshan Headquarters. We are here on the spot, and know just how it is in every way.

Estero pleads not guilty to the charge of malaria. If it were not for the pines and palms, the sandy soil, and Gulf breezes laden with salt ozone, and the pure sunlight from Florida skies, there might be malaria. Fevers are not the rule, but the rare exception. Florida is healthful; there are no climatic causes of disease, for the air is pure; and charming scenery on both land and sea, especially on the island-dotted bay, is conducive to health and happiness.

Neither is there any necessity for mosquitoes at Estero; nor are there many now. There is little discomfort here from mosquitoes. A little precaution and work may remove them altogether from our grounds. Already much has been done in destroying their breeding places. For months past we have seen very few of them, and it is not likely that they will ever prove a great cause of complaint or source of objection to residence in Estero.

But we are still troubled with various phases of mortality, principally from the reason we came from the world at large; we were born in sin and shapen in iniquity. The putting off of the "old man" is difficult; but when the old fellow is drummed out of camp we are going to let the world know it, for it will be an achievement rarely ever heard of, even among the ancients. It will be a fact worth knowing and worth telling; for the facts connected with the eradication of sin, with its every root and branch, will be heralded in connection with the truths of the Koreshan gospel everywhere.



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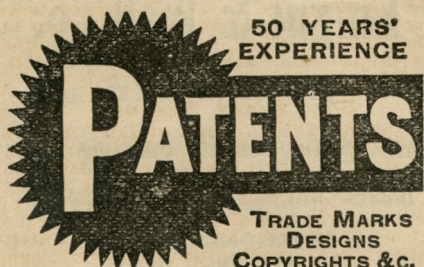
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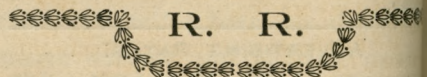
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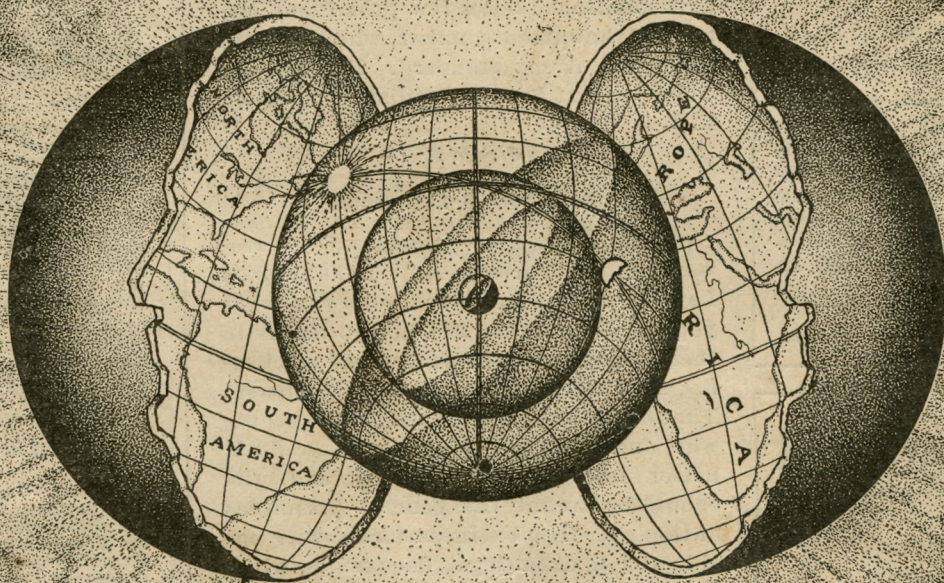
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